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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A water activation device,  
comprising:

a body which is made of conductive material and has an  
in-flow opening and an out-flow opening;

a cover member which is made of conductive material and  
covers an outer surface of the body through insulation  
material therebetween and is insulated from water pipes;

a plurality of holders overlapped with one another in an  
axial direction of the body, each of the holders being formed  
of a retainer having a plurality of flow openings; and

an a plurality of activation material unit formed in a  
small lump units each having a cylindrical shape and  
containing minerals as a main component;

wherein the plural two or more activation material units  
are placed in an overlapping manner the retainer of each  
holder without contacting with one another along a direction  
of a water flow in an internal space of the body so that the  
plurality of activation material units are overlapped through  
the holders in the axial direction of the body; and

wherein the plurality of flow openings have slope  
surfaces where directions of the slope surfaces are different  
from one another thereby producing turbulent flows of the  
water when the water flows through the flow openings.

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2. (currently amended) A water activation device as defined in Claim 1, wherein ~~one~~ the two or more ~~of the~~ activation material units are removably held in ~~a holder~~ each of the holders without contacting with one another where the activation material units in one holder are positioned at different angles about an axis of the body from that of the activation material units in the immediately next holder, and wherein one or more of the holders are removably provided in the body.

3. (original) A water activation device as defined in Claim 1, wherein the in-flow opening and the out-flow opening are formed in a pipe-like manner along a straight or curved center line of the body.

4. (currently amended) A water activation device as defined in ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 1, wherein a the plurality of flow openings are formed on a retainer of the holder that holds the activation material units, and wherein an outer perimeter of said retainer is substantially fitted with an inner surface of the internal space of the body.

5. (currently amended) A water activation device as defined in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the plurality of holders are placed and connected with each other in an overlapping manner along a straight and curved center line of the body.

6. (currently amended) A water activation device as defined in Claim 4, wherein the slope surfaces of the plurality of flow

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openings formed on the retainer of the holder for producing the turbulent flows of the water, comprising:

turning slope surfaces for generating deflected flows of water in a turning direction;

inner slope surfaces for generating deflected flows of water in an inner radial direction; and

outer slope surfaces for generating deflected flows of water in an outer radial direction.